Training period of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Courses

†102. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the training and study period from three and a half years to four and a half years of physiotherapy and occupational therapy in Janviklang Sansthan; Delhi

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this degree still bears the same nomenclature as B.Sc (Hons.), while it is completely essential to name it as Bachelor or Physiotherapy (B.P.T.) after raising its training period to four and a half years; and

(c) if so, whether Government will change its name and the reason for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The duration of degree courses on Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy conducted by the Institute for the Physically Handicapped, New Delhi has been increased from $3^1/_2$ years to $4^1/_2$ years *w.e.f.* 2000-2001 Session.

(b) and (c) The matter regarding change of nomenclature to Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT)/Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BOT) has been taken up the Institute with the University of Delhi.

Tribal welfare begins with a cut

103. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Tribal welfare begins with a cut", which appeared in the Times of India dated the 22nd October, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any official inquiry has been ordered into the incidents of irregularities alleged in the news report;

(d) if so, the results thereto and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) further steps proposed to address the problems highlighted in the report?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.